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Eugene Tuttle, President
Natural Organic Fertilizer, Inc.
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Re: Sampling and Testing of Humates

We have received your request for sampling and testing of 250 tons of humates from public lands located just north of your private property at Harley Dome, Grand County, Utah. The proposed site is described as the NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 25 East. Another proposed site is mentioned which is described as E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 25 East.

According to your request a minimum amount of surface disturbance would be required. Humates are apparently exposed near the surface and would be strip mined and loaded into trucks not to exceed 25 tons per load. The material would be hauled to Texas to be tested as a soil additive for growing row crops, organic cotton, peanuts, and small grains.

In order to process your request, the following information must be provided:

1. A detailed map identifying the proposed project area. Include a detailed sketch delineating existing and new access routes, the area and depth you intend to disturb, size of pits, highwalls, truck loading areas, equipment storage, facilities, structures, parking areas, and the location of stockpiled humates, topsoil, and overburden.
2. A description of the access routes to be utilized. Would existing routes be utilized or would new roads be constructed? Would existing roads require improvements, maintenance, or widening? What would be the width of any new roads constructed?
3. An explanation of how all equipment would be utilized in the operation. Identify the number and size of all equipment. What equipment would be utilized for road maintenance, improvements, or construction? How would the humates be mined and loaded into haul trucks? How many trucks are required for haulage of humates, fuel, water, or waste and how many truck loads or round trips per day?
4. A description of measures you will take to protect the public from hazardous conditions resulting from the operation or during periods of non-operation? Would any fuels, lubricants, blasting components, or hazardous materials be stored on the site?

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5. A description of any temporary structures that would be placed on the site. Also, provide the location and purpose for any enclosures, fences, gates, and signs intended to exclude the general public.
6. A description of the proposed manner and time in which you would complete reclamation of the areas disturbed by your operation. How long is the operation expected to last and what is the schedule for reclamation?

According to the Federal regulations for the disposal of mineral materials at 43 CFR 3601.14 (regulations enclosed), before the BLM can dispose of mineral materials from an unpatented mining claim, the BLM must obtain a waiver from the mining claimant. Therefore, if you hold mining claims encumbering the subject land, you must provide a waiver to the BLM before we can authorize you to sample and test or sell humates. However, a letter from the BLM authorizing you to sample and test humates does not give you a preference right to a sales contract. You will also be required to submit the sampling and testing information to the BLM.

Until all the necessary information is provided, the BLM can not assess the amount of time necessary to analyze your proposal in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. We are also returning your check in the amount \$375.00 (enclosed) until we accurately assess the fair market value of the material. The amount you provided is based on a preliminary verbal estimate of \$1.50 per ton for 250 tons but recent estimates indicate a higher value. You will be informed about a final determination on the value of the humates and whether bonding of the operation will be required when we are near the end of the authorization process.

If you have any questions, please contact Brent Northrup at (435) 259-2151.

Sincerely,

/S/ WILLIAM C. STRINGER

Assistant Field Manager
Division of Resources

Enclosures: (2)

- 1 - Federal regulations at 43 CFR 3600 (21pp)
- 2 - Returned check

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